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EVERY FEW MINUTES ROGERS  
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letics, the Evening Recreation Centre have been able to compete in athletic games. Miss Whitney has given her consent and is permitting them to run. Many entries have been received for the open event in the De Witt Clinton High School games, to be held to-night at the Twenty-second Regiment Armory. Among the other features of the games will be a basketball game between the De Witt Clinton High School and the Flushing High School. Timberg and Melitzer, of Clinton, will endeavor to make the game as interesting as usual.

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news and gossip of the  
**TEN-PIN WORLD.**

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the thing has any advantage. There is trickery on the turf, as on all other businesses, by both layers and players; but a very fine brand of shrewdness is necessary to bring about ultimate success.

AS the public generally knows, bookmaking is a crime under the statutes of the United States. At the same time there are thousands of men who accept bets at the race tracks every day and, under the present law, they are not guilty of any crime. The natural consequence then suggests itself that these men are neither not bookmakers or the law is not enforced. The law is enforced, otherwise there would be no need for the well-known "bookie" or "bookmaker," legally, these men are not bookmakers.

A bookmaker is a man who offers bets on all the horses in a race so that the public can bet thereon at various odds. If a man is a real bookmaker, these odds are a science that he can figure out, percentage no matter

able as the cickers employed by the bookmakers. Formerly this knowledge was not available to the public and the bookmakers could arrange their book on a percentage basis. Then they were "bookies" and the law was against the public goes to the track fully as well informed as the lawbreaker. It is a battle of wits and luck. The public gets its information for one cent and the bookie in turn gets information that frequently is so much as valuable. But it must be recognized that the bookie can never get the advantage of the newspaper. The most regular source of information is the racing form. Various New York newspapers are the members of the Metropolitan Turf Association, otherwise known as the "Met."

**Public Is a Layer, Too.**

When the public goes to the track it becomes a layer as well as a player, and so the public is a layer, and everybody knows which is considered the best horse in the race. His price is high, and the bookie's price is low. This means that the public is willing to lay 3 to 1 on the horse and the bookie must bet against it. It is simply the reverse of the situation when the bookmaker bets 3 to 1 against a horse. As the public is a layer, he can win and lay, the bookmaker becomes a bettor and therefore ceases to be a layer. The public is a layer, and the bookie had all the advantage. Now

that the bookmakers are allowed to thrive, as they merely bet with the public and do not make book in the technical sense of the word.

## DEWITT CLINTON'S GAMES TO-NIGHT

The first time in the history of athletics, the Evening Recreation Centres have been able to compose in athletic games. Miss Whitney has given her assent and is permitting them to run. Many entries have been received for the open event in the De Witt Clinton High School games, to be held to-night at the Twenty-second Regiment Armory. Among the other features for to-night will be a basketball game between the De Witt Clinton High School and the Flushing High School. Timberg and Melitzer, of Clinton, will endeavor to make the game as interesting as usual.


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